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Applicant : GIACOMETTI
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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121 AND § 372

Applicant hereby elects Group I directed to claims 1-24, drawn to a method of making a perforated web material. Applicant respectfully traverses the requirement as the method involves the special technical feature of feeding preheated web material between a first roller and a second roller, the product claims including a heating station upstream of the perforation station. As such, it is believed that the method comprises the same special technical features of the product. Further, as the method and the product relate to the single inventive concept of feeding preheated web material through a nip between a first roller and a second roller, consideration of all claims is believed to be proper.

Applicant further elects Species I-a directed to the webs or webs consolidated by bonding prior to being fed into the nip with claims 1-6, 7-14 and 19-24 being readable thereon.

Favorable consideration on the merits is requested.

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